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US PATENT DOCUMENTS

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4,246,286	01/20/1981	Klose et al.
4,378,374	3/09/1983	Reggio et al.
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For the Examiner's convenience, Applicants are enclosing Form PTO-1449 (one page), and copies of the above listed non-U.S. patent documents. All but two of the references are in English. Applicants are providing herewith English language translations for the two Japanese patents that are in Japanese. Since all of the listed references are in English or translations have been provided, no further commentary is believed to be necessary for those references, 37 C.F.R §1.98(a)(3). However, it is noted that several of the forgoing references were cited in a PCT search report for the corresponding PCT case. The PCT search report is attached to WO 2005/011397 A1, which is enclosed herewith.

Applicants respectfully request the Examiner's consideration of the above references and entry thereof into the record of this application.

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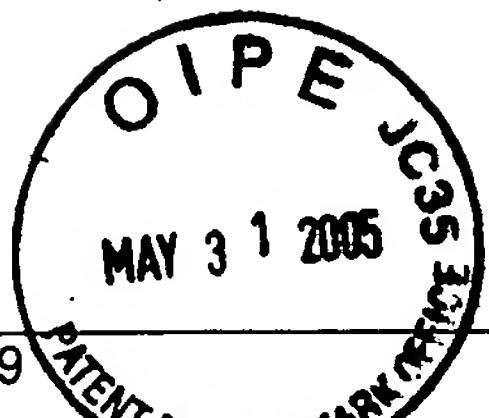
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